

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Malaya's Problems

THE main issue in the discussions now going on in London between Tengku Abdul Rahman and the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd will be the date on which Malayan independence can be proclaimed. The principle of independence — or at least self government — was conceded long ago and the Federation took its first steps along this new course when elections for the present legislature were held under the new constitution midway through last year.

Important subsidiary issues in the talks will be Britain's treaties with the state rulers and defence. These are closely interwoven with the question of when full independence — and therefore the desired dominion status — can be accorded. For if the Tengku's deadline is to be met, Britain must negotiate in the next 19 months for the abrogation of separate treaties with individual state rulers and arrange for a transfer of power to the new parliament.

THIS may not be easy. Quite apart from the fact that independence envisages a further and substantial loss of authority for the sultans, some sincerely fear for the future of Malaya without British rule. And adequate assurances will be necessary from the Colonial Secretary that British and Commonwealth forces will remain on the peninsula until Communist terrorism has been exterminated.

Fortunately this seems to coincide with the Tengku's wishes, but the problem that he poses is that an independent Malayan Government should have complete control of internal and external security, with the former immediately on accession of self-government.

Even to grant control of internal security would mean giving the Malayan government authority over Commonwealth troops — including British, Australian, Rhodesian and Fijian — now serving in the country. A defence pact between Britain, the Commonwealth and Malaya may help to solve the problem, but Australia, whose forces are fighting under the banner of SEATO as well as their own, will probably demand to know how the Tengku stands in relation to the Manila pact before conceding control.

THE Communist menace promises to be a long-term headache politically and militarily. An all-out offensive, as promised by the Tengku following the failure of the recent talks at Baling with Chin Peng, has begun. And while Peking has denounced the Tengku as "a tool of the colonialists," Chin Peng has rather slyly offered to lay down his arms when Malaya is in control of its own internal security.

What he probably means is that the Communists will lay down their arms only after "a withdrawal of all foreign troops," which is the popular Communist line in international diplomacy at the moment. Or to put it another way, the Tengku will not be regarded as master of Malaya's destiny until there are inadequate forces behind him to maintain full security. These are the main problems that need, and undoubtedly will receive long discussion in London. And they are the main problems that have to be overcome before independence can be granted. It is to be hoped that Whitehall will find ways and means of accommodating the wishes of the Malayan people and at the same time providing adequate safeguards for their interests so that the Federation can look forward to a generally secure and prosperous future.

STRASSER
RETURNING TO
POLITICS

Goettingen, Jan. 18.
Dr Otto Strasser, one time founder of the extreme right-wing Black Front, announced here today that he would form a political party within the next months, and that abolition of taxes would be an important part of his programme.

Dr Strasser told a press conference after his first public speech since his return to Germany ten months ago, that he planned soon to visit France and that he hoped to meet M. Pompidu there, whose campaign for abolition of taxes secured him an unexpectedly large representation in the French National Assembly.

He added that he and his friends had not yet finally decided on a name for the new party. It would take part in next year's campaign for the Federal Parliamentary elections.

Dr Strasser said other points of his planned party programme were: armed neutrality of a united Germany, abolition of military conscription and a setting up of a volunteer army, greater powers for the Federal President, but a federative buildup of the German states. —China Mail Special.

21 Killed, 100
Wounded
RIOTING INCREASES

Bombay, Jan. 18.
Police killed 21 people today when they opened fire about 20 times on riot torn Bombay mobs protesting against a government decision to place the city under the central government's administration. Police estimates were that at least another 100 were wounded during this third day of rioting. More than 250 people were reported to have been injured by stones thrown by the rioters.

The violence intensified after 10 o'clock tonight. In the industrial north of Bombay some areas were plunged into darkness as rioters cut off the electricity supply. Telephone connections between north and south of the city were also interrupted. Police frequently fought pitched battles with the rioters in the darkness. Stones and acid-filled bulbs were hurled at the police. At least 20 police posts were burned down and many shops set on fire. Police today rounded up and detained about 500 people, including S. A. Dange, Bombay's Communist Party leader. The total now detained in the three days is nearly 1,800. —Reuter.

A Chou-Dulles Meeting
"Out Of The Question"

Washington, Jan. 18.
A meeting between Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister Chou En-lai, and the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is "out of the question" at present, informed sources said today. Such a meeting could take place only after Communist China had: 1. Renounced the use of force in the settlement of international problems, including that of Formosa. 2. Freed 13 Americans illegally detained in the People's Republic.

The informed sources were commenting upon a declaration published in Geneva by the Communist Chinese delegation to the Sino-American talks. A meeting of the two countries' foreign ministers was one of the proposals contained in the declaration.

The impending publication of the unilateral document on the six-month-old talks was announced a week ago by the chief Chinese negotiator, Mr Wang Ping-nan.

NOT READY
Informed sources pointed out that a meeting of the foreign ministers might be interpreted as a de facto recognition by the United States of the Peking regime, and particularly during a presidential election year, American public opinion is not ready for such a move.

Government circles here saw the Chinese declaration as an indication that Peking was determined to bar all further discussion of Formosa from the Geneva talks. Peking might agree to resume discussion when — and not before — a meeting between Chou and Dulles became possible.

It looks as though the Chinese Communist plan is to try to limit discussion at Geneva in future to practical questions of prime interest to Peking — particularly the restrictions imposed upon trade with China.

America has received the Chinese declaration as being in general aimed at throwing upon the United States the responsibility for the impasse in which the Sino-American talks lie. —France-Press.

Child Molested
And Beaten

Mesa, Arizona, Jan. 18.
A pretty seven-year-old girl, brutally beaten, was found unconscious in a desert wash today to end one of the most intensive searches in State history. Blonde, blue-eyed Carla Hixon was rushed to Southside Hospital here and had regained consciousness by late afternoon. Dr W. B. Patterson described the child's condition as "poor." He said he believed she had suffered head injuries and had been sexually molested. Both her eyes were "blackened" and the physician said apparently she suffered a "fractured skull." A manhunt was immediately undertaken for the assailant. —United Press.

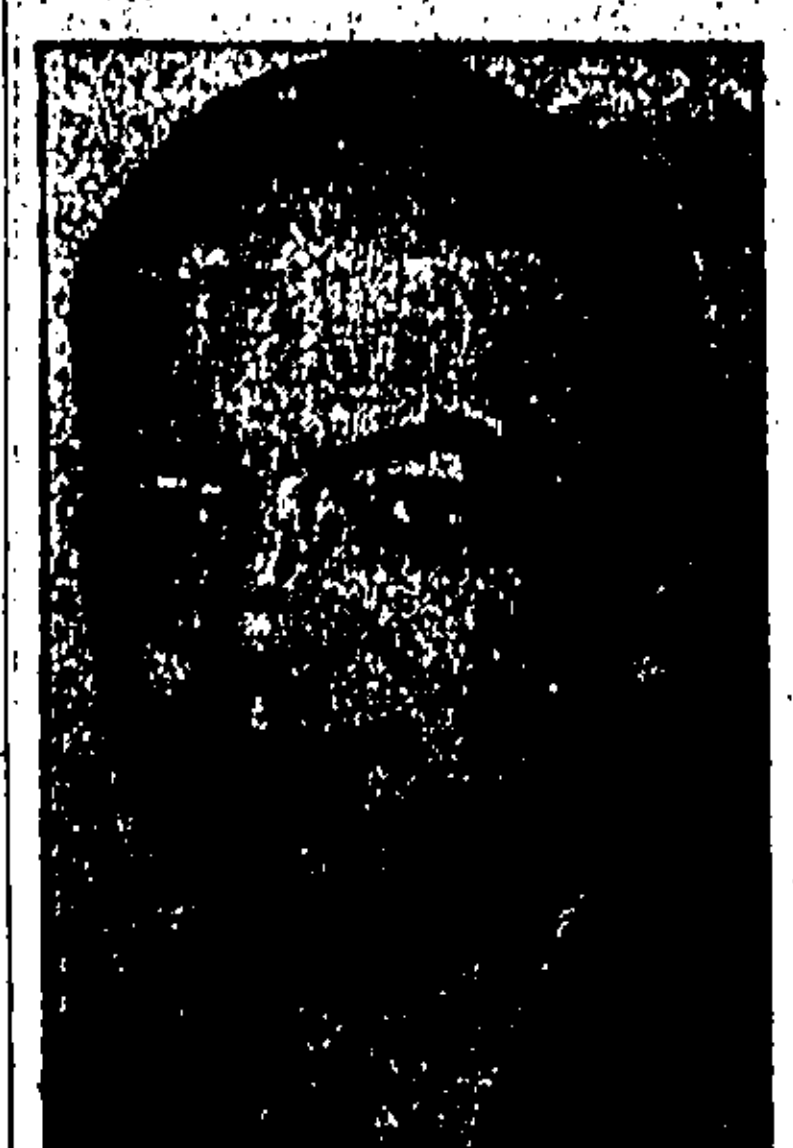
STRANGE URGE

Chester, Jan. 18.
A 21-year-old insurance agent admitted today that he had had an urge since he was 15 to take glasses off women's faces. He was sentenced to three weeks in a mental hospital today for knocking three pairs off the noses of three ladies. —United Press.

Woman Causes Disturbance At Eden Meeting

Bradford, Jan. 18.
Sir Anthony Eden became involved in an exchange of words with a young woman on the platform as he was addressing a rally. While the audience was applauding the Prime Minister's declaration that Russia's "dragons and donkeys" had been slain, the woman claimed the platform and tried to push him away from the microphone to make a statement. Not realising her purpose, Sir Anthony Eden stepped back from the microphone, but before she could speak she was pulled away by others on the platform.

As the woman was being dragged from the platform by stewards she shouted to the Prime Minister: "The British Empire is the greatest force for peace the world has ever known and you are throwing it away." The woman was dragged out of the hall, where she later identified herself as secretary of the League of Empire Loyalists, an organisation which stands for the "conscious development of the British colonial empire under British direction." Sir Anthony then provoked shouts from the gallery of "You have given the Empire away."



HAROLD STASSEN
Ending Arms Race

US Will Go
On Searching
For Agreement
With Russia

Washington, Jan. 18.
The Presidential assistant, Mr Harold Stassen, said tonight that the United States would make every effort to reach a "sound agreement" with Russia for ending the armaments race. Mr Stassen, who advises the President on disarmament problems, said a "secure method, as guaranteed by inspection, must be found to end the competitive build-up of greater and greater armaments." In a keynote address to the Women's Forum on National Security, Mr Stassen said the United States "will make a renewed and persistent effort" this year "to reach a sound agreement for the future limitation of armaments in the interests of a continuing peace." He said the government's course would be in line with a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on disarmament.

No Magic Formula

The resolution called for early agreement on President Eisenhower's aerial inspection plan and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's plan for setting up control posts as disarmament safeguards. Mr Stassen said it would take persistent "day after day" efforts to produce a prolonged peace. He also warned that no "single magic formula" was indicated which would automatically guarantee a permanent peace in the atomic age. On the other hand, he said, there also was no "indication whatsoever that the discovery of thermo-nuclear weapons means that war is inevitable." Satisfying conditions necessary to attain peace, Mr Stassen said, the United States "must maintain adequate strength for its own defence," advance civilian uses of atomic energy, expand world trade and increase support of the United Nations. —United Press.

Stripping Proposal

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 18.
Stripping only down to underwear in searching villagers at Communist food check points is to be recommended to call for an immediate Syrian-Israeli exchange of prisoners, and to note in this preamble "without prejudice to the ultimate rights, claims and positions of the parties" that there had been Syrian interference with Israeli activities on Lake Tiberias in contravention of the armistice agreement terms. The West also agreed to say in its draft that in the event of further attacks by Israel the Council "will have to consider what further measures under the Charter are required to maintain or restore peace" as well as to meet the Soviet request for a more "substantial" warning. —Reuter.

Forced Landing

Tel Aviv, Jan. 18.
An Air India super-Constellation, carrying 39 civilian passengers, made a forced landing at Lodhiana today for lack of fuel. Captain J. P. G. de la Roche said the plane was forced to land at Lodhiana because of weather conditions. —United Press.

THE LAKE TIBERIAS INCIDENT
Unanimous UN Vote
On Amended
Resolution Possible

New York, Jan. 18.
The United Nations Security Council tonight moved towards a possible unanimous vote on a resolution condemning Israel for the December 11 attack on Syrian forces at Lake Tiberias which resulted in the deaths of 56 Syrians and six Israelis. The Council adjourned until 3.30 p.m., GMT tomorrow after Britain, the United States and France had accepted some amendments offered by Iran and after they, in turn, had conceded a point to the Soviet Union in an attempt to reach unanimity.

The reason for the adjournment was a request by Dr Djalal Abdo, Iran, that he be given time to reflect on what he described as "counter amendments" by the West. His request for time was endorsed by the Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady Sobolev.

Yugoslavia also offered a new compromise resolution, calling on the Council to declare that Syria was entitled to compensation for deaths and damage, and requesting the United Nations peacekeeping force to take appropriate steps for the release of prisoners taken during the incident.

A COMPROMISE

Yugoslavia's resolution, submitted by its delegate, Mr Jozef Brle, was a compromise between two previous resolutions — one by the Soviet Union and the other by the three Western powers, Britain, France, and the United States. The West and the Soviet Union agreed that the Israeli attack should be strongly condemned, but differed on the issue of compensation, which the Russians wanted, and a reference to Syrian interference with Israeli fishing in the lake, which the West wanted to include.

Persia proposed amendments to the Western resolution one of which would call on Israel to release all Syrian prisoners.

SOVIET ATTITUDE

The Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady Sobolev, said Israel should not only be condemned for the December 11 attack, but should be warned by the Council that further such actions would involve consideration of military and economic sanctions. "In its present form the Western draft resolution cannot contribute to forestalling further Israeli incursions into the territories of the Arab states," he said. He criticised yesterday's statement by the Israeli delegate, Mr Abba Eban, that because of Soviet vetoes only decisions favourable to the Arabs could get through the Council. This, he said, was an attempt to question or challenge the eventual decisions of the Council so as to undermine their significance in advance.

M. Herve Alphand of France asked members not to use the Council as a "springboard for facile propaganda" or to promote particular interests in the crucial Middle East.

AMENDED DRAFT

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\$40,000
Seized By
Thieves

NATHAN RD
HOLD-UP

Two Chinese, armed with revolvers, this morning overpowered an Indian watchman, held up five employees at the Ming Tak Bank in Nathan Road, and got away with \$40,000 in cash.

The bank, which is the Kowloon branch of the Ming Tak Bank whose head office is in Hongkong, is situated at 94 Nathan Road.

The daring hold-up and robbery was carried out in full view of passers-by at 9.30 a.m.

WORK SWIFTLY
The two men pulled up in front of the bank in a motor car, swiftly disarmed the watchman standing at the entrance to the premises of his gun by pulling revolvers at him and then went into the bank where they threatened the five employees with their guns. The bank's workers were herded behind a gridded counter and the robbers then proceeded to empty the cash tills. Police, estimating they seized \$40,000 before they rushed out of the building, jumped into their waiting car and drove away.

SECT LEADER
DETAINED

Tehran, Jan. 18.
Persian army security authorities tonight detained the leader of the Fadayan Islam sect, Ayatollah Keshani, for questioning in connection with the 1951 assassination of the Premier General Ali Razmara. About 14 other former political leaders of Persia are being held for questioning by the army security authorities under the orders of the chief army prosecutor, Brigadier Hossein Azmoudchi. —Reuter.

Island Evacuated

Buenos Aires, Jan. 18.
Argentine civilians and military men on the Antarctic island of Thule, in the Southern Sandwich group, were evacuated by the Argentine icebreaker General San Martin as a result of volcanic activity in the nearby island of Elsmo (Brice). The Navy Ministry said all operations of the Antarctic task force were proceeding normally. —United Press.

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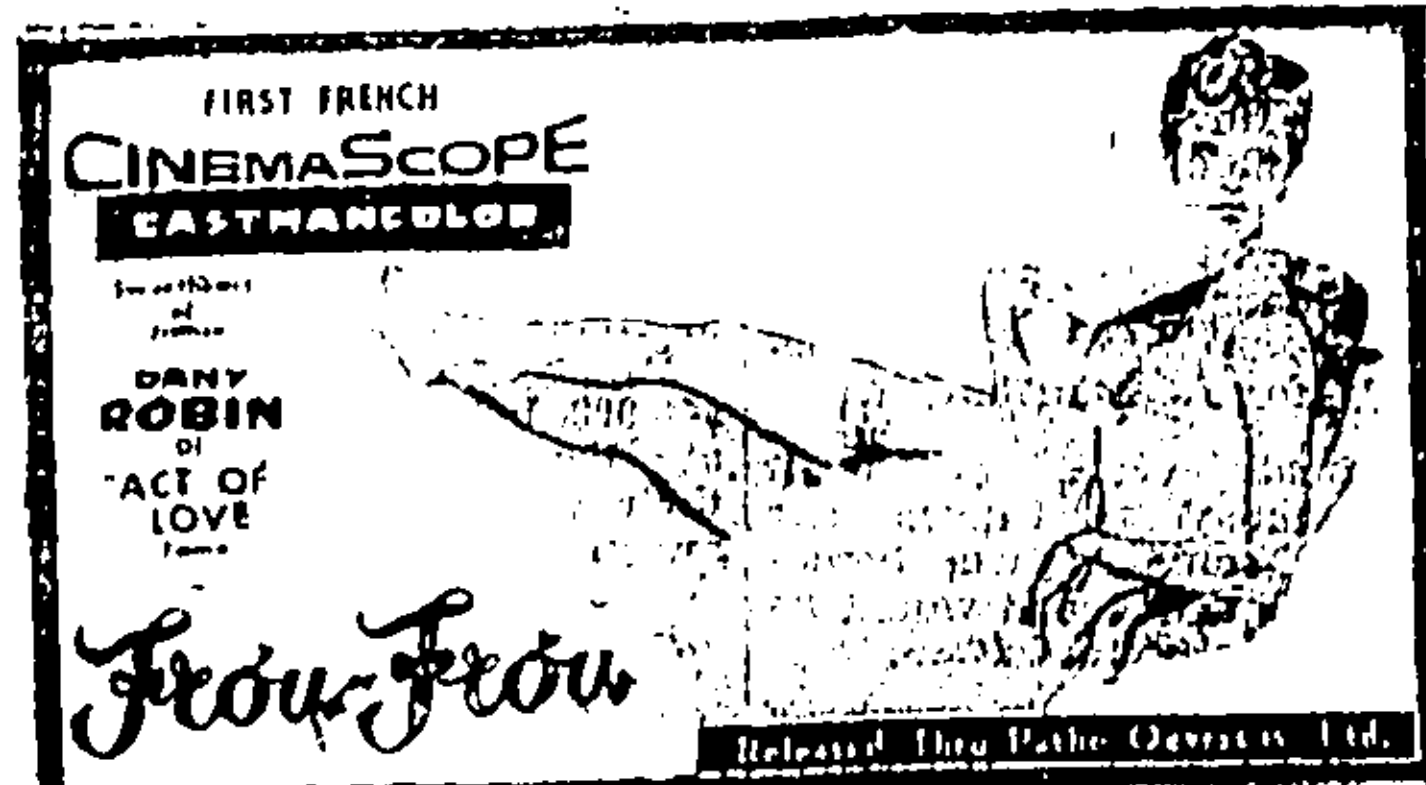
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RED BALLISTIC BLACKMAIL
BEFORE END
OF YEAR

Washington, Jan. 18.

Senator Henry Jackson warned in a speech today that "before the year's end, the device of ballistic blackmail may be added to the Soviet arsenal of conquest."

He said the Soviets probably would be able before the end of 1956 to fire a ballistic missile with a range of 1,500 miles. Mere possession of such a missile, the Senator said, "will permit the Kremlin to blackmail our allies within its range into neutrality or worse. Before the year's end, the device of ballistic blackmail may be added to the Soviet arsenal of conquest."

Senator Jackson spoke to the National Security and Foreign Relations Committees of the American Legion, a large veterans' organization. He is a member of the Senate Armed Services (Defense) Committee. He is also chairman of the Atomic Energy Military Applications sub-committee of the Senate.

Senator Jackson remarked that such a missile would not be able to hit the United States but said it "would destroy our greatest single advantage in the contest for air-atomic supremacy—our system of advanced overseas air bases."

Good Reason

Senator Jackson said the United States faced a real danger of losing the race with Russia to be the first to develop an intercontinental ballistic missile—a futuristic weapon that would be able to span the Atlantic Ocean in 30 minutes and blast its target with an atomic or hydrogen warhead. He noted that the combination of a long-range ballistic missile and a hydrogen warhead had been termed "the ultimate weapon."

"And for good reason," he added. "The grim outlook for our success in the race is justified by the present lack of urgency in the US ballistic missile development programme, coupled with 'continuing complacency over Russian ability,'" Senator Jackson said.

He called for the ballistic missile programme to be placed on a wartime footing and for the Defense Department to abandon the philosophy that the US could only increase its efforts in case of war.

Dangerous Habit

"In an all-out atomic-hydrogen war, our industrial might would be consigned to a nuclear graveyard," he said. "Today we can prepare for war only in time of peace."

Senator Jackson continued: "We as a people have acquired the dangerous habit of underestimating Soviet capabilities. Seven years ago we had a monopoly of both atomic bombs and the planes needed to deliver these weapons against distant targets. Today, not only is that monopoly gone, but there is a grave question as to whether we have superiority in these fields."

"With each succeeding race for discovery and production of critical weapons, Soviet technology has narrowed the crucial time lag between American and Russian breakthroughs."

Real Danger

Senator Jackson said the Russians were out to win the ballistic missile race "to destroy the thesis that the United States is the industrial and technical colossus of the world."

"We face the very real danger that they may be able to do just this. Such an achievement would not only terminate what

some call the air-atomic stalemate. It would also shift the military balance to the Communists."

The Defense Department has just launched a joint Army-Navy effort to develop such a 7,500-mile ballistic missile, although much of the basic technological work involved has already been accomplished.

The project to develop an intermediate range ballistic missile is part of an acceleration of the ballistic missile programme ordered by the Defense Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, last month. —United Press.

Compromise Possible
On US Foreign Aid

Washington, Jan. 18.

Some Democratic Senators said today they saw grounds for a possible compromise on the Administration's request for long-term commitments in the Foreign Aid Programme.

They said that Congress could, in effect, state a policy favouring foreign aid projects that would require several years but keep actual appropriations and authorisations on a year-to-year basis.

Atom-Powered
CruiserADMIRAL
WANTS
BIG ONE

Washington, Jan. 18.

Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke, today proposed that America's first atom-powered cruiser, which will be equipped to fire guided missiles, be of 11,000 tons displacement, instead of the 9,000 tons originally planned.

The cruiser will be the United States' first surface craft driven by nuclear power.

Addressing members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Admiral Burke also asked for approval of the construction of four 4,000-ton frigates and eight 8,000-ton destroyers, all equipped to fire guided missiles.

Not Far Off

Admiral Burke told the Senators that the Soviet Union would have twice as many submarines as the United States by July 1957.

He said the USSR did not yet, to his knowledge, possess any atomic powered submarines, but he warned that she had never lagged far behind in such developments.

The day was not far off, he estimated, when she would possess submarines equipped to fire guided missiles—she did not have them already. —France-Press.

Swish! There Goes Gina



Film actress Gina Lollobrigida is pictured at Cannes, Italy, on vacation from this role as she prepares to enjoy a spot of skiing at this famous winter resort, one favoured by many screen stars. —Express Photo.

Bonn Changing
Traditional
Courts Martial

Bonn, Jan. 18.

The West German Federal Cabinet today approved a bill to replace the traditional courts martial by disciplinary courts under civilian judges. The bill will now go before Parliament.

In the new German forces a company commander will be able to give reprimands and severe reprimands, fines of up to one month's pay, and confine soldiers to barracks.

A battalion commander will be able to order detention of up to three weeks.

May Appeal

A soldier may appeal "from a commanding officer's punishment to a disciplinary court consisting of three men, a civilian judge presiding, a staff officer and a man of the same rank as the accused. Decisions will be by majority vote. Appeals from disciplinary courts are to be heard before a special military panel of the Federal Disciplinary Court in Berlin. —Reuter.

Bagdad Pact
Committee
Meeting

Bagdad, Jan. 18.

The Bagdad Pact Military Committee, comprising the Chiefs-of-Staff of the five member countries, will hold its second meeting in Bagdad on Saturday, reliable sources said here today.

It is understood that the meeting, under the chairmanship of General Haffiz Arif, Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Armed Forces, will discuss methods of mobilising the Pact's forces in the defence of the Middle East.

The Military Committee held its first meeting last November when the Permanent Council of the Bagdad Pact—Britain, Turkey, Iraq, Persia and Pakistan—inaugurated the Pact in Bagdad. —Reuter.

Withheld Views

Sen. Mansfield said he felt Congress has the duty to come up with a definite policy on foreign aid—either for or against.

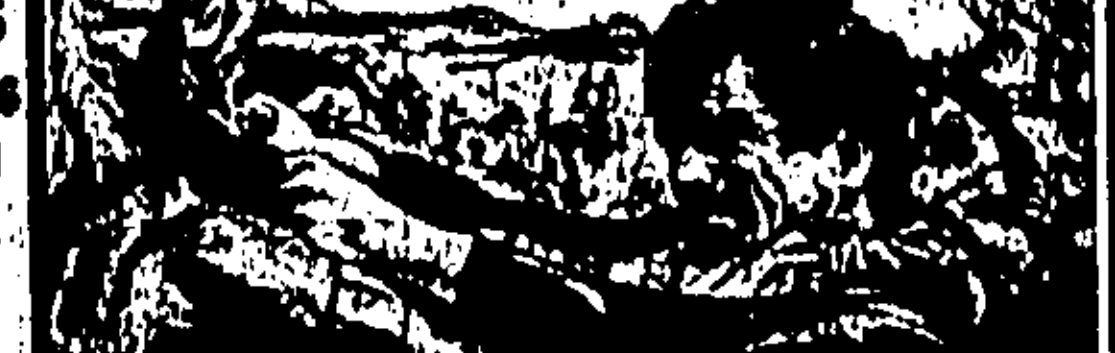
He said Congress could go on record as favouring a long-range programme and still keep appropriations on a year-to-year basis. But he withheld his own views on the question of long-term commitments generally. —United Press.

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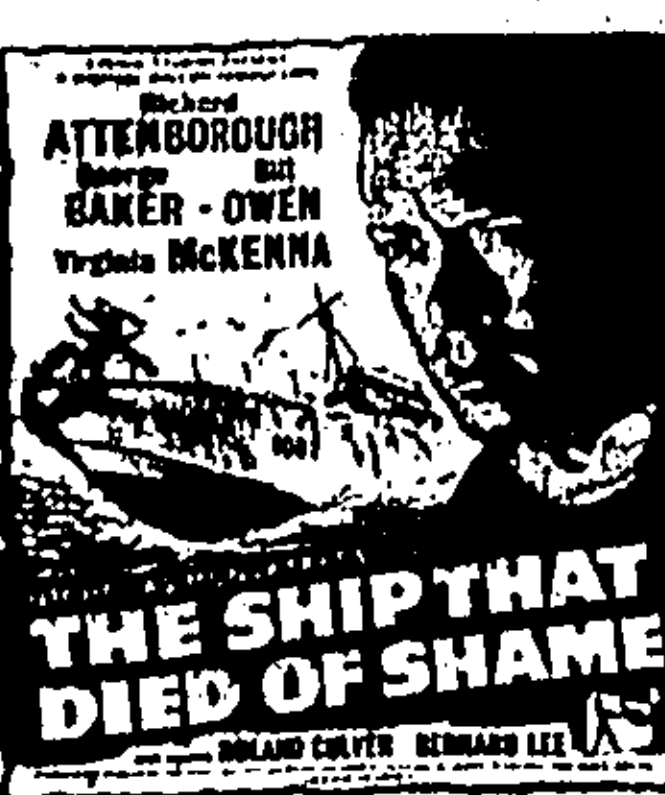
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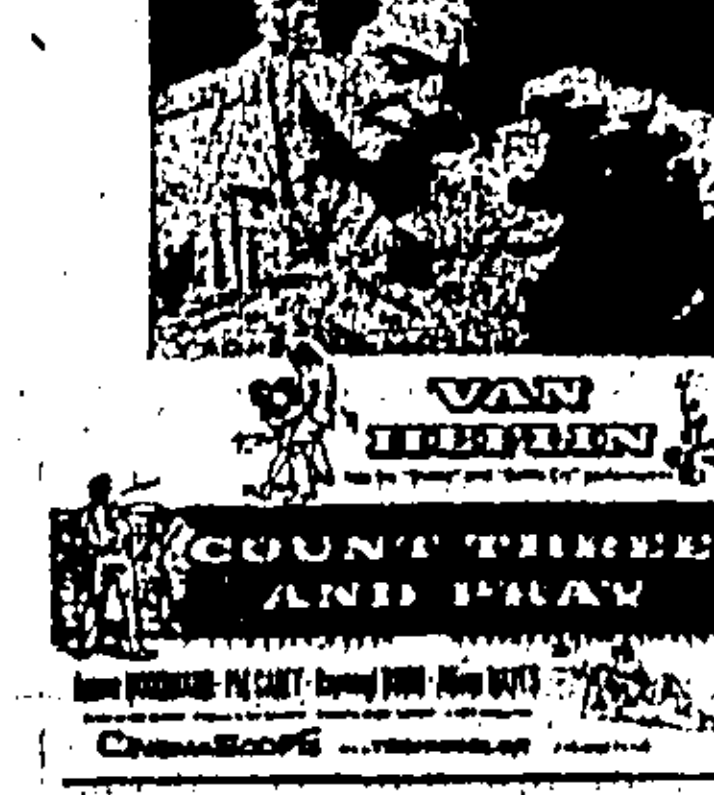
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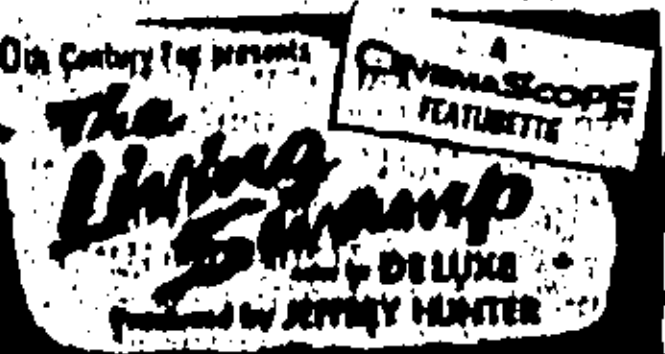
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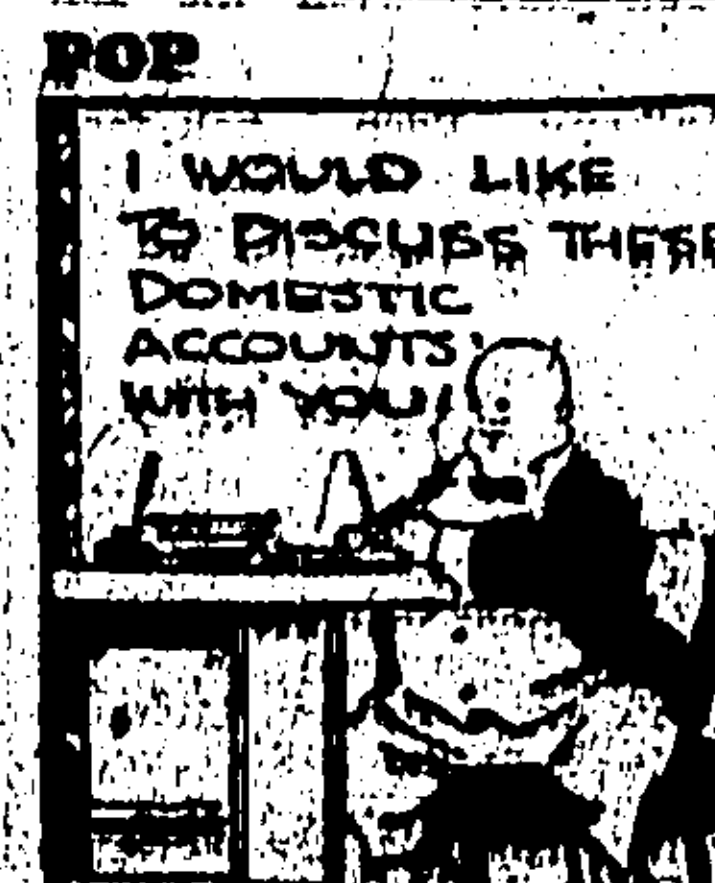
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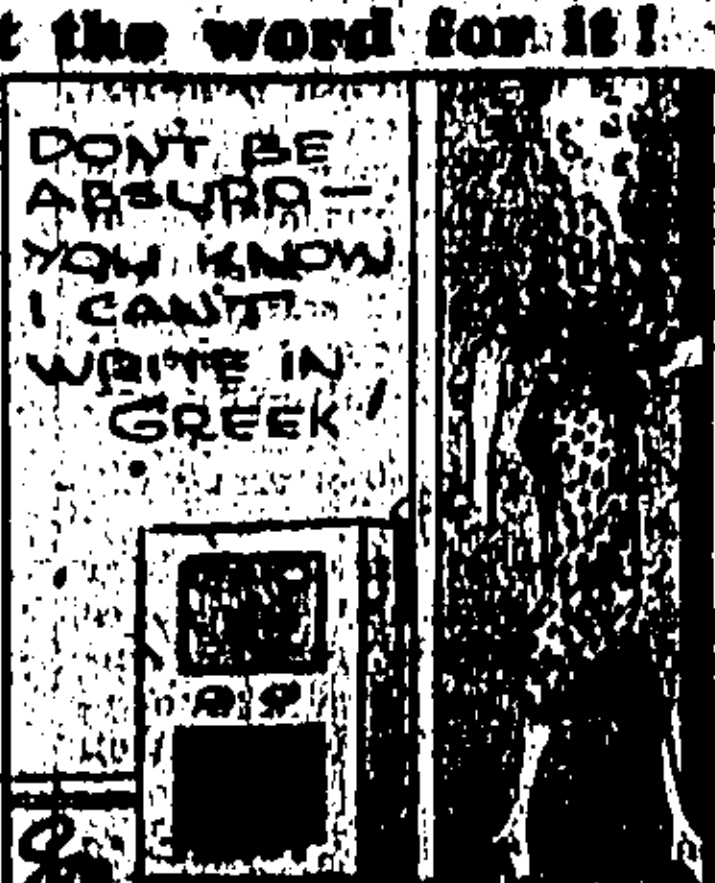
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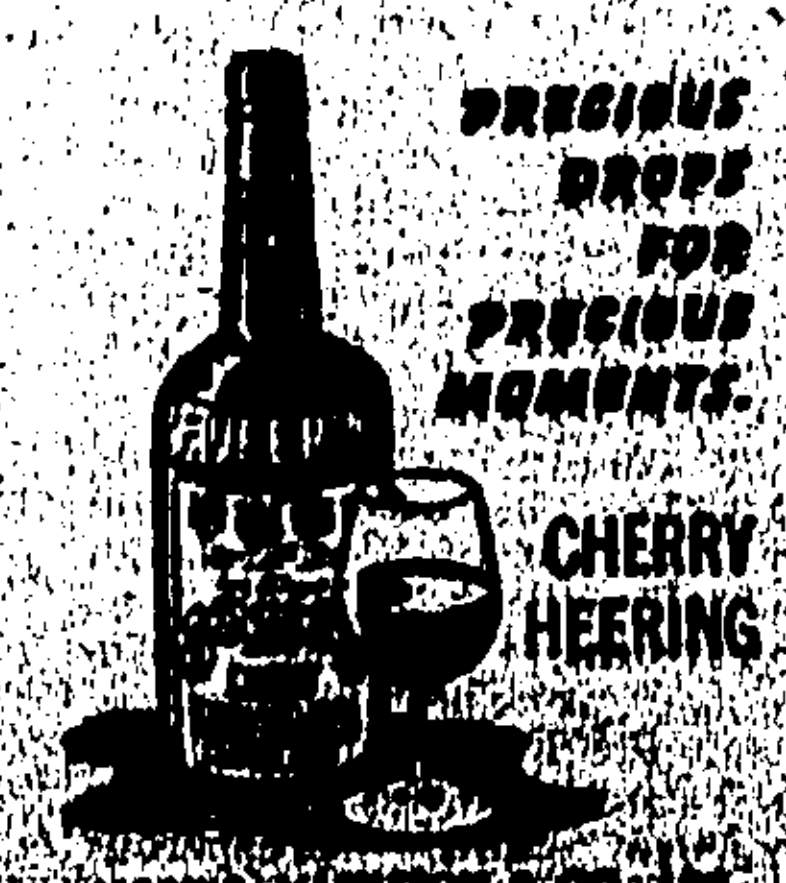
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Dulles' Goa Explanation Rejected

NOTE ALLEGES SUPPORT OF COLONIALISM

Washington, Jan. 18.

India has formally rejected as unsatisfactory and equivocal US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' attempt to explain the United States position on the dispute between India and Portugal over Goa, informed sources said today.

The rejection was contained in a Note delivered last night to Assistant Secretary of State George Allen by Indian Ambassador G. L. Mehta.

It charged that a statement on Goa which Mr. Dulles made early in December constituted in effect support of colonialism on the Indian subcontinent. The statement to which India objects was made jointly by Mr. Dulles and Portuguese Foreign Minister Antonio de Oliveira during his visit to Washington. It was inspired by Soviet statements backing India's claim to Goa, which were regarded in Washington as "inflammatory."

A Province

Mr. Dulles and Dr. Cunha said the Soviet statement, made by Soviet Communist Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin during their visit to India, were efforts "to foment hatred between the East and the West."

However, what really aroused Indian feeling was the fact that the Dulles-Cunha statement referred to Goa as a "Portuguese province" in India instead of colonies which was taken as American support for the Portuguese position that the area is an integral part of Portugal to which India has no claim.

Mr. Dulles, in a Note to the Indian Government on December 13, attempted to explain the statement. The American Note said:

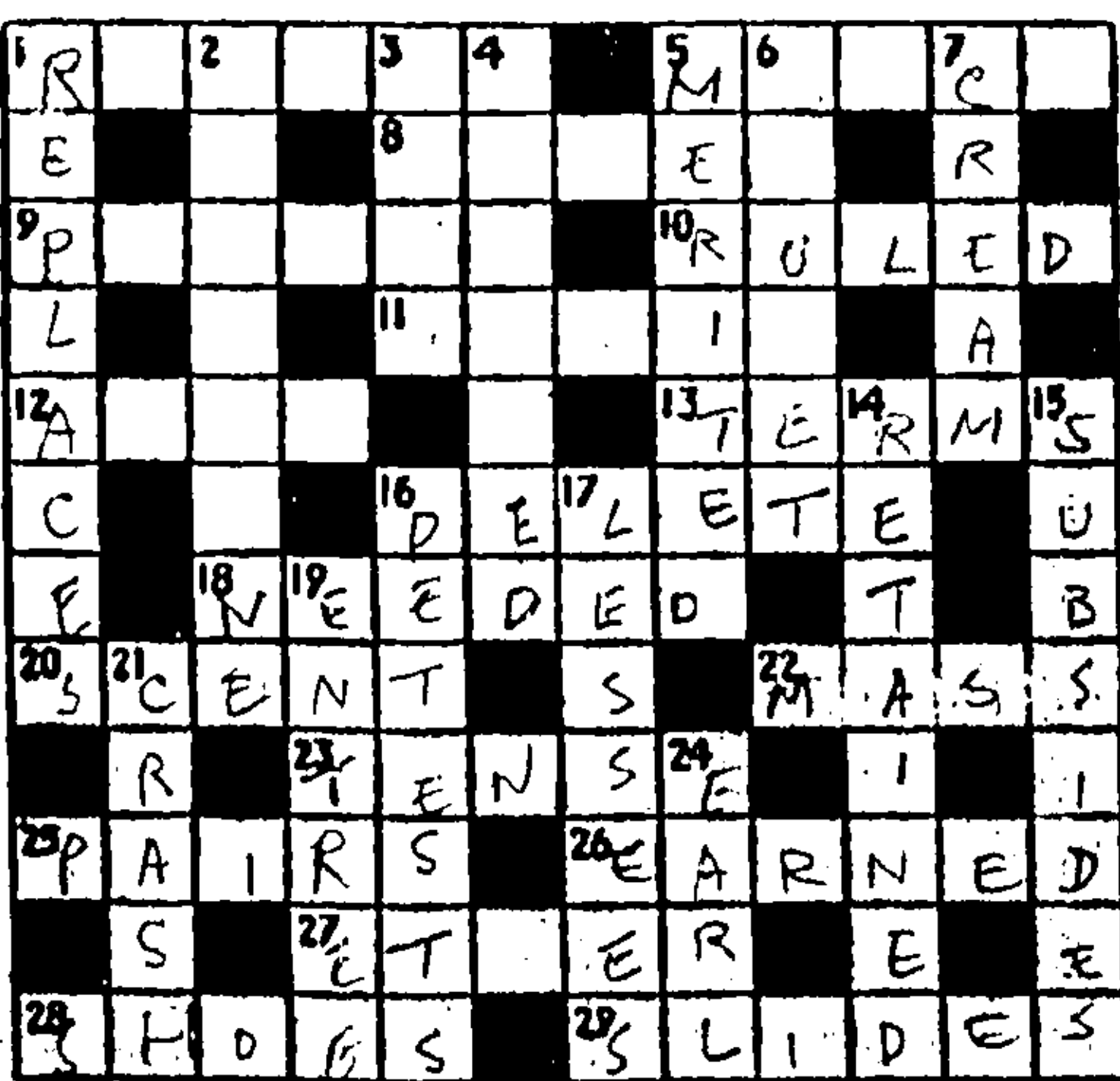
MOTORISTS PAY MORE

Johannesburg, Jan. 18.

It now costs more than twice as much to run a large car in South Africa, the Automobile Association reported in an estimate of the higher costs which motorists now have to meet.

The Association said that the overall cost, including depreciation, of running an average American car is 9.2 pence a mile, and of a smaller British car 7.43 pence a mile. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Negligent (6)
 - 5 Contest (5)
 - 8 Tribal emblem (5)
 - 9 Outstanding (6)
 - 10 Reigned (5)
 - 11 Sweet herb (6)
 - 12 Soft mud (4)
 - 13 Conditions (5)
 - 16 Expunge (6)
 - 18 Required (6)
 - 20 Perfume (6)
 - 23 Volume (6)
 - 25 Strained (5)
 - 26 Couples (5)
 - 27 Deserved (6)
 - 29 Anaesthetic (6)
 - 30 Footwear (5)
 - 31 Slips along (6)

- DOWN**
- 1 Puts back (8)
 - 2 Munition store (8)
 - 3 Wound (4)
 - 4 Consoled (7)
 - 5 Earned (7)
 - 6 Lucky charm (6)
 - 7 Best part (8)
 - 14 Kept (8)
 - 15 Goes down (8)
 - 16 Loathed (7)
 - 17 Tenants (7)
 - 18 Freedom of access (6)
 - 21 Collision (5)
 - 24 Fear (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Reputation, 5 Pines, 8 Avar, 9 Gentle, 11 Error, 12 Trends, 14 Miss, 16 Easy, 18 Inane, 19 Idle, 20 Remorse, 21 Lance, 23 Avenue, 24 Tote, 27 Tame, 28 Slander, 29 Down, 1 Ripe, 3 Fruit, 3 Tale, 4 Events, 5 Frenetic, 6 Surveys, 7 Train, 8 Slings, 14 March, 15 Secure, 17 Slate, 19 Inmate, 21 Core, 22 Bone, 23 Mark.

Nigerian Paintings Exhibit In London



An exhibition of paintings by Nigerian students at the Government Teacher Training College, Ibadan, Western Nigeria, was opened last week at the Office of the Commissioner for Western Nigeria, Grosvenor Gardens, London. Picture shows Sir Mortimer Wheeler, who opened the exhibition, looking at a painting he had just bought, an abstract by Mr. E. O. Ojo. With Sir Mortimer is the Commissioner for Western Nigeria, Chief M. E. R. Okorodudu. — Express Photo.

Two Points

India, in rejecting the American explanation, made two points, according to authorities. These were:

1. The American explanation was unsatisfactory because the Dulles Note said the US does not support colonialism, but does not disavow support of Portugal to the extent contained in the Cunha-Dulles statement; and
2. It is unsatisfactory because it ignores the fact that Dr. Cunha himself, in public statements, has cited the joint statement as US support for the Portuguese position. — United Press.

Von Paulus Training E. German Officers

Berlin, Jan. 18.

Former German Field-Marshal Friedrich von Paulus is training East German officers at a command officers' school at Dresden, a refugee said here today.

Gerhard Wagner, who was a driver at the school, told refugee officials that von Paulus was accompanied by a state security captain everywhere he went and was driven in his car by another member of the state security forces.

Von Paulus led the German troops who surrendered at Stalingrad and has lived in East Germany since his return from the Soviet Union.

Wagner said the school was headed by Colonel Wilhelm Adam, a member of the East German National Democratic Party. His deputies were Lieutenant-Colonels Gotthard and Kauba.

Officers trained for higher ranks at the school had to attend two to three years courses, he said. The training included courses on infantry, artillery and tanks. — China Mail Special.

'Nationalist Air Force War Weary'

Tokyo, Jan. 18.

Three Nationalist Chinese who defected recently to the Communists were quoted in a broadcast by the Peking radio today to have said that Nationalist Air Force pilots are becoming weary of the struggle against the Reds.

The Communist broadcast said the "war weariness" is growing among (Nationalist China) Chiang Kai-shek air crews under the blows of the Chinese People's Air Force. "The three airmen," the Peking radio declared, "said that many Chinese Kai-shek pilots are finding it difficult to avoid missions over the (Communist) mainland. Recruiting... is also meeting with difficulties."

"The lot of the ground crews of the Chiang Kai-shek Air Force was even heavier," the three airmen disclosed. "They get little rest and are overworked."

Threat To Great Lakes Trade

Quebec, Jan. 18.

CANADIAN and United States shipowners today united in demands that their two countries regulate foreign freighters' use of the Great Lakes and the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway.

Members of the Canadian Dominion Marine Association endorsed a statement by Admiral Lynden Spencer, President of the US Lake Carriers Association, that competition from ships under the British and other flags threatened to cripple the Canadian and American inland fleets.

Admiral Spencer, a former US Coast Guard man, told a joint meeting of the two Associations yesterday that trade between Canada and the United States now ran to about 25,000,000 tons a year. He said that was "bound to increase with the current iron ore developments in Siseop Rock, in Northwestern Ontario, and in the Seven Islands area of Quebec."

Play Part

He said the part foreign shipping would play in taking some of that business when the St. Lawrence Seaway went into operation already was a major headache for Canadian and American shipowners.

"They definitely are in a position under present regulations to do so," said Admiral Spencer. "Foreign shipowners can build and operate, so far as labour costs are concerned, more cheaply than we in Canada and the United States."

Under Canadian law foreign ships can trade between Canadian ports without restriction. The Dominion Marine Association has been pressing the government to curb them for several years. The United States restricts foreign ships trading in US coastal waters and between US ports on the Great Lakes, but has done nothing to prevent them from trading between the United States and Canada when the Seaway is completed. — United Press.

MENON-NASSER DISCUSSIONS

Cairo, Jan. 18.

Mr. Krishna Menon, Indian delegate to the United Nations, today had a two-hour talk with Lieutenant Colonel General Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister.

Mr. Menon, when pressed afterwards to say whether he discussed Israel-Arab relations with Colonel Nasser, replied: "We discussed questions debated in the United Nations General Assembly."

Mr. Menon leaves for India tomorrow. An Indian Embassy spokesman said the two-day visit here was "strictly personal."

TRUMAN'S MEMOIRS Policy Towards China Criticised By Magazine

New York, Jan. 18.

Life magazine, which today began publication of the second volume of ex-President Harry S. Truman's memoirs, sharply criticised Truman's policy toward China.

The ex-chief executive devotes the beginning of this part of his memoirs, to be published in book form under the title "Years of Trial and Hope," to General George Marshall's 1945/46 mission to China.

"That mission," the magazine's editorial said, "laid the base for the arch-failure of the whole Truman foreign policy... The Marshall mission... contained the three major American mistakes which by 1949 had led to the communisation of China."

Personal Distaste

"The first major mistake was not to take communism seriously enough soon enough... The whole world picture today would be entirely different if, in 1946, we had had in China a General (James) Van Fleet, with the right instructions instead of a General Marshall with the wrong ones."

"The second major mistake was not to take China seriously enough, either then or later... The third major mistake was to permit a personal distaste for Chiang Kai-shek to influence US policy toward his government. From the beginning the Marshallian pacification strategy treated Chiang and Chou En-lai as equals in status and wound up urging a coalition government. This strategy not only abetted the Communist purpose (as Czechoslovakia later showed) but was an insult to the legitimate head of a government against which the Reds were in armed rebellion."

"What Chiang needed was full moral and physical support such as we now give him in his Formosan stronghold. Since 1946, to defend him and the free periphery of Asia, we have spent far more in lives and treasure than Mr. Truman said the American people would not have stood for at that time."

Neglect

"In 1946," Life continued, "we called Mr. Truman's China policy one of disastrous neglect half-hidden by irrelevant sermonising. It still reads that way in his memoirs. And the question of China is by no means settled. Even now the drive to scuttle Chiang's Government from the UN and to recognise Mao's force in the diplomatic world. The mistakes begun in Marshall's mission have persisted too long already. If history does not teach us anything, what is the use of reading it—or writing it—at all?" — United Press.

Where Police Are Tough

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 18.

A police constable with a bullet hole through his head hit his way to hospital after unsuccessfully trying to call help by telephone.

Doctors found that the bullet had entered the back of his head and emerged several inches below.

The constable, Mr. O. J. Clegg, said that his "gun" was "revolver" and that he was "a member of the police force."

SYMINGTON ATTACKS DEFENCE SECRETARY

Washington, Jan. 18.

Senator Stuart Symington charged today that the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, was "unaware" of how close the US was to war in recent years and "continued to bull through" heavy defence cuts.

"Apparently there is as much need for more unification in the Cabinet as there is in the Pentagon," said Mr. Symington in a brief Senate speech.

Senator Symington's jibe stemmed from disagreement between the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and Mr. Wilson on how close the US came to war during the first three years of the Eisenhower administration.

Mr. Dulles said in a controversial magazine interview that the United States avoided war three times with China only by "walking to the brink" of conflict—during the crisis over the Korean armistice, Indo-China and Formosa.

All Kinds

But Mr. Wilson told his news conference he "never thought we were that close" to war. He conceded that "there are all kinds of brinks."

Senator Symington, Air Force Secretary in the Truman administration, told the Senate: "In recent days the American people have learned that whereas three times the Secretary of State had us at the brink of war during the past three years, the Secretary of Defence was unaware of the fact—and continued to bull through his programme of consistent heavy defence cuts."

He added: "In any case, the people are becoming more and more confused." — United Press.

£20,000 Messenger Collapses

Barcelona, Jan. 18.

A man who collapsed in a Barcelona street was found to be carrying two million pesetas (£20,000) in cash.

The money belonged to a commercial concern by whom he was employed as a messenger. — China Mail Special.



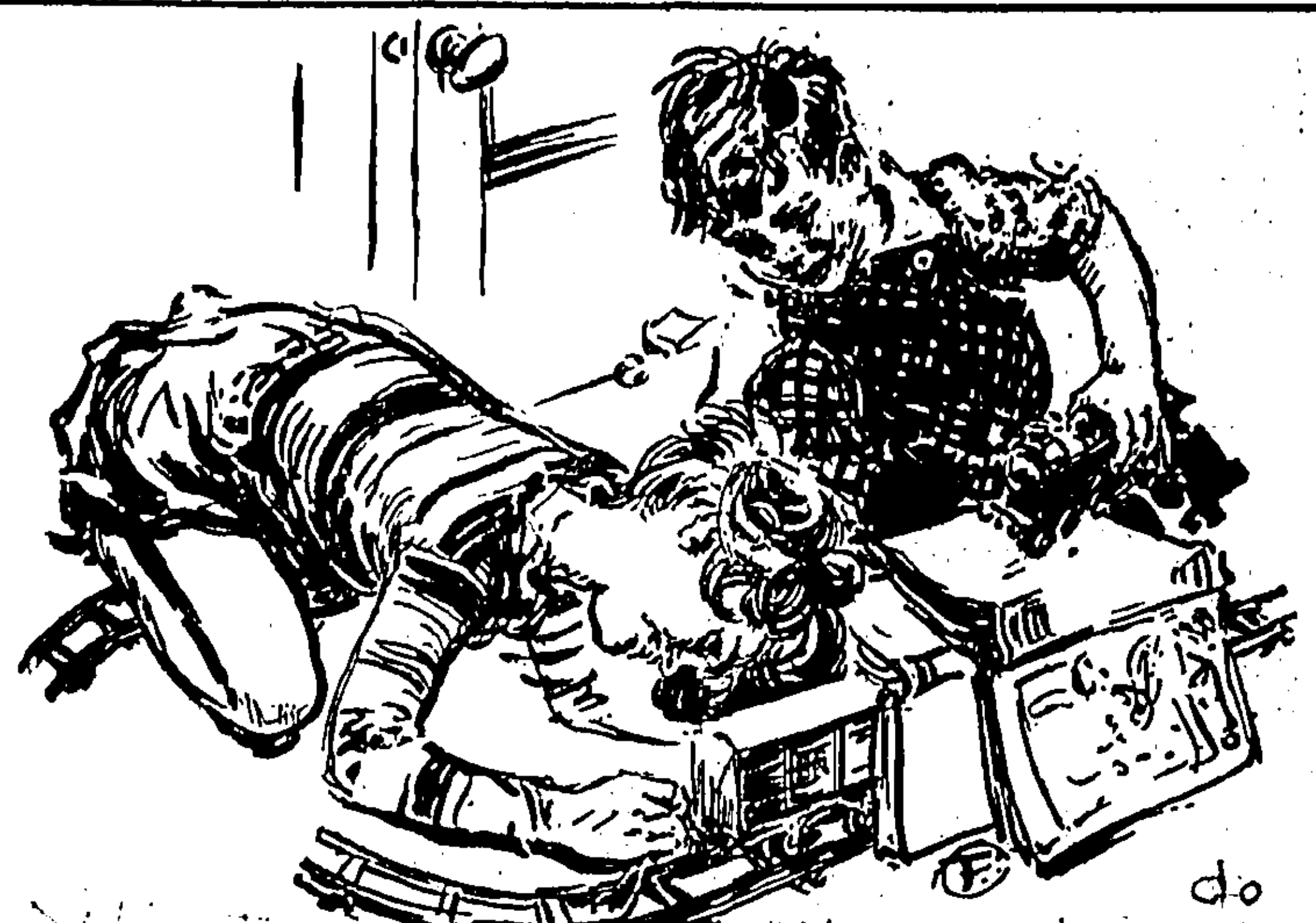
Sen. Symington

SHOOTING GALLERY SUICIDE

Sydney, Jan. 18.

Stanley Szajnfar strolled up to the shooting stall in a Sydney fun parlour, pulled some money from his pocket and asked the attendant: "Give me a shilling's worth of shots please."

He fired three shots from the small-bore rifle at the targets, then put the rifle barrel to his mouth, fired and fell dead. Szajnfar, 35-year-old Czech migrant, was living at a Salvation Army hostel. His bank book showed a balance of five shillings. — China Mail Special.



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I Got Tired Of Racing Round The Buoys

..... So I sailed into the ocean,
says Britain's toughest woman skipper

by ANNE SHARPLEY

London. IN the breezy world of the Boat Show, where they talk a cryptic tongue of their own ("How can it go to windward with two keels?" "Well, you have so much leading edge at a reasonable draught"), the sceptic goes looking for sense.

But anchor an enthusiast and ask him to talk simple English and the rest is plain sailing.

Mrs Rachel Pitt-Rivers, the only woman to be elected Rear-Commodore of the Royal Oceanic Club and one of our most distinguished yachtswomen, enlightens the sceptic with persuasive patience.



Mrs. RACHEL PITT-RIVERS
persuasive patience

those in a car. When you sell your boat it hasn't depreciated in value as does a car. In fact, you sell it for almost the price you bought it.

A challenge

Yet she has been consistently the only woman to skipper a yacht in the world's toughest yacht races.

Why do you do it?
"Because it's a challenge and very exciting. Because once you get out there in the middle of the ocean your other worries seem too far away to think about and you're far too busy to care. Because it finds out character, you never really know people until you've sailed with them."

Why is it so expensive?
"But sailing is not expensive," she said, widening a pair of sea-blue eyes at the sceptic. "Take the value of £500 boat against a £500 car. In the boat four people can holiday and live. You don't need fuel except a bit of breeze. There are no maintenance costs comparable to

"I did try it, however, and was beaten by only 12 minutes, although it was wildly uncomfortable and there was nowhere to lie down except in wet oils on the floor. It blew full gale and several boats lost their masts."

"It was so exciting I decided to get a bigger boat."

Mrs Pitt-Rivers bought Foxhound, a cutter built in 1938, in which she won the Durdar race twice over and also the gruelling 440-mile Santander race (Britain to Spain), in a gale which sent many male competitors into harbour.

All this sailing into full gale, isn't it terrifying?

"Of course. Everyone is frightened sometimes, and often things can go terribly wrong."

Here for the well-versed in sailing terms is an outline of a typical sequence of disasters:

"We started in full gale from Bournemouth when one of the spinnaker booms washed overboard. We recovered it by a miracle, and the hawse pipe got loose and the water came pouring in faster than we could pump it out. The pump was all bunged up, and we spent several hours lying head downwards in the bilges freeing it. Then a tremendous sea struck the boat and all the bunks broke loose. We were a horrible wet chaos of blankets, bodies and splintered wood."

Closer look

"When we finally made good weather every scrap of clothing had to be hung all over the ship to dry. We were such an extraordinary sight that a liner changed its course to get a closer look at us!"

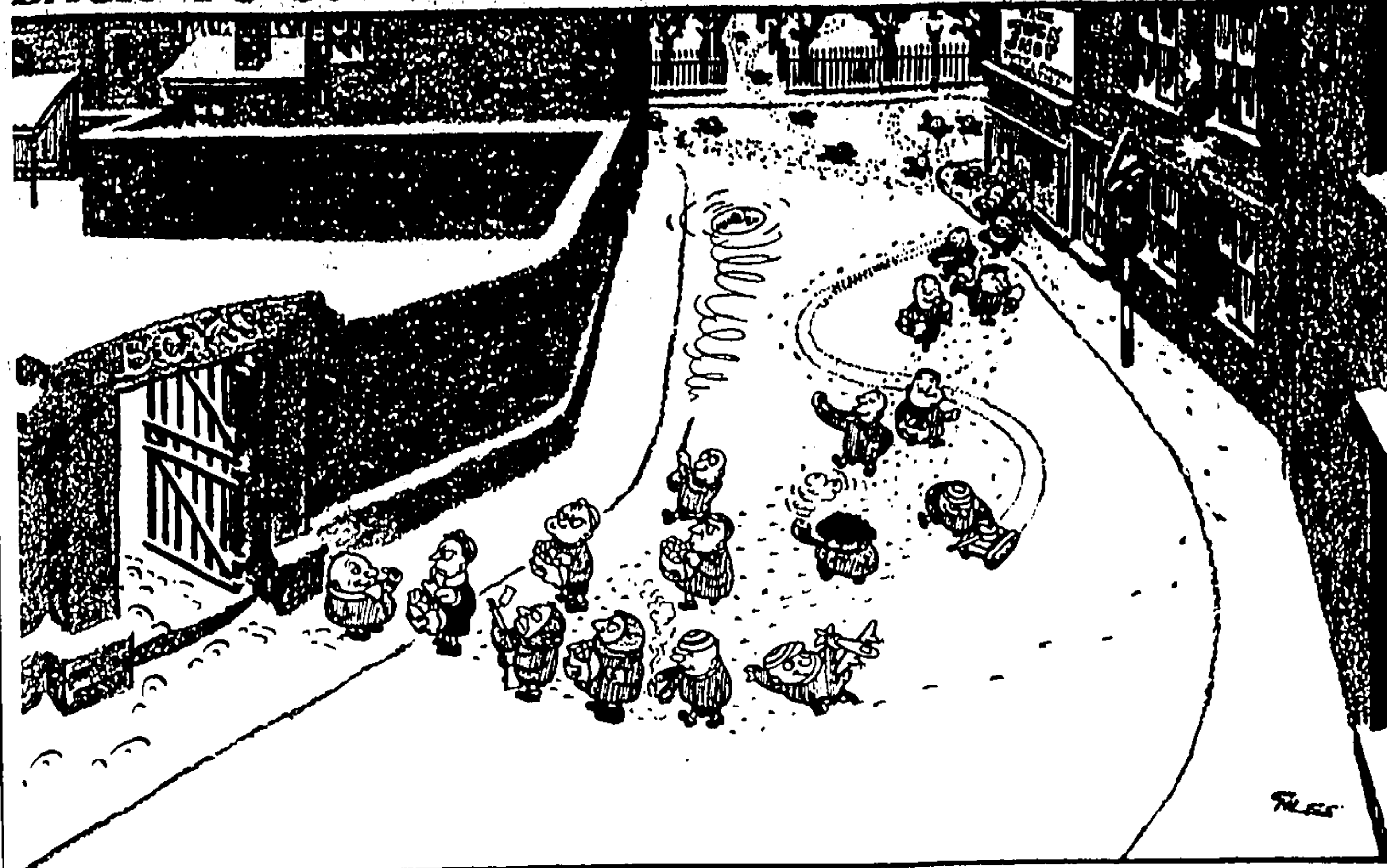
Are there any snags to sailing?

"Yes, time. There is never enough time to do the long trips. I am hoping to do the Bermuda race in 1956, but it takes so long to cross the Atlantic and back after the race that it will need to do it in."

Sailing began to the sceptic to seem a justification for taking time in a Comet - ridden age. For silence when a motor is behind every motive. And for courage.

BACK TO SCHOOL

by GILES



"Follows, I have information for thee—Chalky is going to collect your National Savings after all."

(London Express Service).

DESERT TREK FOR HEALTH SECRET

By John Ivey

Johannesburg. A MEDICAL research inquiry, which is expected to have worldwide attention, is to be staged soon in the wastes of the Kalahari Desert in the British protectorate of Bechuanaland.

The group of doctors forming the inquiry team will trek into the desert in the hope of discovering one of the most vital of all health secrets—the key to perfect teeth.

And where do they hope to get their knowledge? From the primitive race of African Bushmen, who have lived in the desert for centuries.

These desert Bushmen rarely suffer from tooth decay, and most of them keep a perfect set of teeth throughout their lives.

NORMAL DIET

THE investigation is to be sponsored by the Witwatersrand University in co-operation with the Chicago University. The scientists will set up their research station hundreds of miles from civilisation at Tswanane, on the Okwa River, in the Kalahari.

At the camp they will gather together a group of Bushmen, whose normal diet consists of reptile or buck meat, spiced occasionally with such delicacies as tortoise legs, insects, snake meat and lizard.

It is on this repugnant-sounding diet that these little men keep the healthiest teeth of any known society in the world.

It is known that those Bushmen who leave their native areas to work for farmers and buy their food from local stores soon begin to suffer from tooth decay.

THREE STAGES

THE doctors will divide their research on the natives into three stages:

First, they will make extensive examination of the mouths and teeth of the Bushmen.

Then for six months they will feed them on a sugar-supplemented "civilised" diet. Finally, the doctors will re-examine the Bushmen for any signs of change.

They expect to discover which foods cause decay on what would otherwise be perfectly sound teeth.

The mission of this group of doctors at their rough camp in the desert might well prove a major step towards ridding the world of the menace of all teeth troubles.

FOOTNOTE: A famous South African explorer, Colonel Laurens van der Post, has just returned to Johannesburg from the Kalahari, where he took films and recordings of the Bushmen to be used on British Broadcasting Corporation radio and television programmes.

Champion of the Downtrodden, the Unemployed & the Outsize Woman

BATTLING BESSIE IS STILL IN THE RING

By John McKenna



THIRTY-TWO years ago, a determined young woman stamped angrily out of a Communist party meeting. She tore her membership card into shreds as she went.

Elizabeth Braddock had been a foundation member of the Communist Party of Great Britain. In 1924, she snapped bitterly: "The party is not directed by people in this country, but by people in Russia. We have no way of deciding how this party has been run."

Three years ago, still determined if no longer young, the same woman stood up at a Labour Party conference in Margate and announced that she was through with the Bevanites.

The problem was still Russia. "I prefer a rearmament Germany to a Europe overrun by the Russians," she snapped.

The years in between and since have been torn with hard words and bitter feuds. But Elizabeth Braddock—long since "Bessie" to the world—has changed very little.

* Fifteen Stone

FIVE feet two inches tall, 40 inches around the waist and weighing a neat 15 stone, she launches into political controversy with all the momentum and staying power of a Centurion tank.

And she has never lost a round yet.

Her mother, Mary Bampton, was a Justice of the Peace and one of Britain's pioneer women trade unionists. On Sundays, young Elizabeth was sent not to church but to a Socialist Sunday School.

At 16, she became a member of the Union of Shop, Distributive, and Allied Workers. And she has remained a member ever since.

Shortly afterwards, she became a member of the Independent Labour Party—the militant left wing of the Labour Movement.

In 1919, she signed on as a charter member of the Communist Party. Her reasons for joining were connected with her reasons for leaving five years later. She thought the Communist Party was genuinely the party of the working class—coughing the shilly-shallying and moderate Socialists and determined to bring about the classless paradise.

When she discovered instead that it was a doctrinaire party glued to a narrow line and taking its orders from Moscow she left.

But she didn't leave the ideal of the classless paradise behind. She took it with her into the Labour Party, and whether the party leadership approves of it or not, Bessie has hung on tenaciously.

In 1930, she became a member of the Liverpool City Council, and she has stayed one ever since. The depression years she devoted to championing the cause of the unemployed, speaking loud and coherently on any platform she could get.

* Tory Stronghold

IN 1944, she was elected surprisingly, president of the Liverpool Trades and Labour Council—an organisation—ordinarily almost the last stronghold of the male sex.

The next year she contested Liverpool Exchange in the general election. The constituency, despite its grubby, winding streets and its overload of the poor and the depressed, had been a Tory stronghold.

She won it by a tiny majority of 665. But once in there was no shaking her. In 1950, the majority climbed to a whopping 5,342. The next year it was 6,835. In both those General Elections the Socialists were sliding badly and the Tories ought to have had no trouble in regaining the seat.

Her success may have something to do with her militant left-wing Socialism; but Bessie doesn't think so. She thinks she is successful mostly because she works like a troop of Trojans keeping her constituents happy.

She gets between 250 and 300 letters a week. Every one of them is answered, personally—usually in red ink. She can't afford a secretary and she has never learned to type.

* Open House

At home she conducts regular open house to anyone with a problem. Servicemen displeased with their C.O.s, passengers who don't like the way British Railways are run, housewives bitter about the cost of living, workers out of a job, all go to see Bessie.

Most of the complaints she deals with by explaining the situation to the complainant. The rest she looks into thoroughly and badgers the appropriate Minister in the House.

The result is that Bessie is a constant pain in the neck to the Government Front Bench—and a constant joy to her constituents.

In between, she is still the hard-working housewife—cooking, darning and sewing on buttons for husband, John, who is also a member of Liverpool's City Council and an ardent Socialist.

She is a determined campaigner for a better deal for women—and especially for "outsize" women.

She has sponsored fashion shows featuring clothes for "outsize" women, done battle with stocking manufacturers whose nylons, she thinks, ladder too quickly.

After her tiff, nylon makers pronounced her legs "a good British average", showed her around their factories, and nearly convinced her that all was well in the stockings business.

She takes jokes about her size well—and often. But she insists that she is not the biggest woman in the House of Commons. Mrs Alice Cullen, M.P. for Glasgow's Gorbals, is a full stone heavier she says. Mrs Cullen stoutly denies it, saying she weighs only 14.

* Pin-up Girl

THE classic came when she was elected "pin-up" girl by the crew of the Royal Navy submarine Scythia. The crew sent her a note saying: "Please send us a picture of yourself, but not a full-size one. This is a small submarine."

In politics, however, she stands for few jokes and no sentiment. In 1945, she refused to shake hands with the Mayor

of Liverpool, snapping, "I don't shake hands with Tories." And last year she refused to sign the M.P.s' book presented to Winston Churchill on his eightieth birthday.

In the party, she is the bone of the Atlees and Gaitheles—the "middle class idealists" in her phrase. "We can't depend on them," she says flatly. "Labour must be kept a workers' party."

* Hot Water

EQUALLY, however, she has become the bone of the Bevanites—the unrealistic dabblers in left-wing Socialism in her phrase book. She accuses them of having no solid policy on the one hand, and of lapsing into dangerous views like their opposition to German re-armament on the other.

Supported by no faction in the party—despite her popularity with the voters—she constantly finds herself in hot water.

The right-wing of the party suspects her of holding views dangerously near to the Communists (she was blasted by the party in 1952 for having written for the Daily Worker) while the Bevanites regard her as an arch-enemy.

But at any time of crisis the party is almost certainly glad it has her.

IS THIS THE ANSWER TO THE LEAVE PROBLEM?

By HAROLD JAMES

LONDON MALAYA reports that in future a limited number of top-ranking British civil servants will get six weeks' leave at home every year, travelling both ways by air.

Despite the higher cost of air fares this arrangement, it is thought, will not cost any more—taking everything into account. It will cut down leave and leave pay considerably. For the official in Malaya today gets six months' overseas leave after three years as well as six weeks' local leave a year.

This plan may be new to Malaya, but it is not a new idea. It is now 20 years ago that Sir Philip Mitchell, then in Tanganyika, told his staff to draw up a scheme whereby all British civil servants, their wives and families too, would fly home once a year.

This short spell at home would bring people in touch with "real" work and help to saple the material, as well as people will be made to fly?

the physical machinery which runs down after a long time in "the long grass." Parochialism would diminish. Imagination would be stimulated.

Again, it would make for continuity of policy if a man could go back to the station in which he had done a good job of work, for too rarely are men sent back to their old district. But, above all, the fearful expense of relief staff would be saved. As it was—and largely is—for every three men at work, four must be on the strength, and one as a relief during long leave. Send the man home every year, and the relief could be cut out.

Judges could take a few weeks away during the long vacation; educationalists be absent in the summer holidays. To all there is a time of year when work is below the normal peak. It is then that they should go.

Sir Philip's plan of 20 years ago met with a cold reception, however, in high quarters. To many of the top dogs in the Colonial Office the daily trek from the suburbs to Whitehall was the extent of their travel.

asked the eminent Under-Secretary to whom the plan was expounded. And when they told him "yes," the answer was "Never—so long as I am here." It is many years now since that gentleman retired, but still there are few colonies really alarmed.

Ten years passed, and then air travel on leave was debated in the House of Commons in a maiden speech by Mr Dods-Parker, himself an ex-Sudan civil servant and now Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations.

The Colonial Office, said Mr Creech Jones in reply, was "watching the matter." It is still being "watched."

Oddly enough, it is civil servants themselves who hold back. Many prefer the leisurely sea voyage home, holding that too drastic a change of climate is a danger to health.

That belief dies hard; but if they want examples of hardiness they need not look far. How often has the Prime Minister stepped down from Number 10 in the sunny warmth of a tropical climate? And now the Queen herself is going to leave an English winter for the heat of Lagos.

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League Hockey New Programme

Due to the Army 'A' Army 'B' and RAF 'A' teams going to Macao this week-end for the Combined Services matches, the League fixtures have been altered so that too many postponements will not be necessary.

Only the Men's First Division is affected, and it entails a complete changeover between the January 22 fixtures and February 5 fixtures. The February 5 fixtures, as set in the Handbook, will be played off this week-end, and the January 22 fixtures will be played off on February 5.

The following are the fixtures, then, for this week-end:

Men's First Division
Army 'A' v RAF 'A' at Bookunpoo at 4 p.m. (Postponed); Recolet 'A' v RN 'A' at Recolet at 4 p.m.; Bookunpoo v Army 'B' at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. (Postponed); Navy Bharat 'A' v KITEC at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m.; Bye: Recolet 'B'.

Men's Second Division
Only the venue of one of the games is changed in this division from that laid down in the Handbook:

University v Denham at University at 11 a.m.; Dutch HC v RN 'B' at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m.; Army 'C' v Navy Bharat 'B' at Bookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.; HKHC at HKC at Bookunpoo at 11 a.m.; Bye: RAF 'B'.

Ladies' Division
Craigengower v Services HC at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m.; Greenlin Kings v Dorians 'B' at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.; Recolet v Greenlin at King's Park at 2.30 p.m.; KGV 'A' v v KITEC at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m.; Victoriana v Dorians 'A' at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

Ladies' Match
The match for the Shanghai Trophy between Hongkong and Kowloon ladies will be played off at Macao this week-end. The following are the teams:

Hongkong: Diana Pires (Craigengower), A. Cavanagh (Greenlin), E. Souza (Recolet), S. Anderson (Victoriana), W. Watson (G. Kings), E. Perry (H. Jones (KGV 'A')), C. Reilly (Victoriana), E. Shekary (KGV), H. Fowler (Greenlin), D. Burton (Victoriana), captain.
Kowloon: Kim Campbell (Services), M. Mui (Greenlin), J. Richards (KGV), C. Marchetti (G. Kings), M. Newman (Greenlin), J. Richards (KGV), J. Tinsley (G. Kings), M. Fincher (Dorians), A. Croves (Services), E. Stoker (KGV), Reserve: I. Smirnov (Greenlin).

Combined Services v Macao
This annual match will be played off at Macao this week-end, and the following are the teams:
Combined Services 'A': Boxall, Taylor, (Captain), M. J. Newell, Newell, Good, Todd, Harvey, Addison, Webster, Blissett.
Combined Services 'B': Birley, Raymond, Turner, (Captain), Fink, Ketchlove, Purdy, Saunders, Bellard, Chasly, Raymond, G. V. Arden.
Reserves: Phillips, Turner (RN), Umpire: Capt. Ship.

Sugar Ray Must Fight Olson On March 9

San Francisco, Jan. 18. Sid Flaherty, manager of former World Middleweight Boxing Champion, Carl "Big Boy" Olson, said here today that if "Sugar" Ray Robinson, the title holder, refused to meet Olson in a return title match before March 9, he would ask the California Athletics Commission to suspend Robinson.

If the California Commission suspended "Sugar" Ray, the World Middleweight Champion would be banned from rings throughout the United States. Making a sensational comeback, Robinson, a former Middleweight World Champion, won back his title from Olson in Chicago by a second round knock-out on November 9, last year.

Robinson agreed in his fight contract to give Olson a return title-bout within 90 days. Robinson is understood to be against meeting Olson in San Francisco. Olson's strong hold, and reportedly would prefer an open-air clash in June.

Flaherty said he was willing to give up the original agreement for a return match in San Francisco, but insisted on the March 9 deadline.—France-Press.

NORRIS WINS CROSS COUNTRY TITLE



Ken Norris (Thames Valley Harriers) of Greenford, Middlesex, winning the 7½ miles Middlesex Cross-Country Championship for the third successive time at Trent Park, Cockfosters, on January 7.
The victory was his third important success this year, for at Sao Paulo, Brazil, he won the New Year round-the-houses race and the 5,000 Metres track race.—Reuterphoto.

The Bobsleigh Crusaders Are After A Title

By DESMOND HACKETT

Oh, what jolly fun it is riding on a sleigh.... well, that is what they are chorally insisting these days.

But there are those members of the British Olympic bobsleigh team sternly training for the Winter Games in Italy this month who insist that, far from being jolly fun, it is jolly hard work and an extremely serious business.

This I was told yesterday at great length and considerable force by 28-year-old Keith Schellenberg from Middlesbrough, a handsome, swash-buckling Englishman.

Determined, too. Two years ago he decided that the too, too casual way the British dabbled in the Olympic Games was not good enough.

The old let's-have-a-bit-of-a-bash-chaps system was out. He sought out stout-hearted men, tough, Rugby-loving types who weigh around 15st, and could move—but fast.

He told them his plan, asked them bluntly for an all-out effort, or please keep out. His crusade flourished.

He drew to his cause men like Stewart Parkinson, British ski champion who, tired of his success, decided that bobsleighing presented a much higher risk of running into danger. He became driver of the No. 2 bobsleigh.

No. 1 driver Schellenberg went on recruiting buccannering types like 17st Jumbo Preston, who loves the space of danger as he loves his walrus moustache, Ralph Haller, John Reid, Walter Brant, John Ralnforth, Chris Williams and Rodney Mann.

PLUS RUGBY

They have battered themselves into shape with a bone-shattering schedule of Rugby. They are taking a Rugby ball with them to the Winter Games!

Their intent is to lure the lushly equipped Americans, the Italians, the Swiss, and the French into a quiet game of Rugby.

Looking over this British squad, I figure the Cresta Run is toddlers' stuff compared with their idea of a quiet game of Rugby.

But the British Olympic plan is not all hard muscle. For the first time since the British pioneered this bobsleigh business, around 1900, the team is going out with top-class equipment.

The two bobsleighs for the four-man team event cost £700.

The two-man sleighs are the best that money can build.

The team is taking a mobile workshop. And if you think this just a pottering shed, just ask the policeman who had the job of sorting out the traffic in Fleet Street when Keith Schellenberg came along to show off his new toy.

"Not leaving anything to chance, old boy," he impressed. "We even have special studs for our boots."

"We have a treatment job that goes on runner blades and costs £25 a smear. Just helps the start."

"Nothing so important as a fast, strong take-off. That's why I wanted the 15st men who could move fast."

Maybe we cannot hope to beat the Continentals, who have all the facilities we cannot have in Britain, nor, maybe, the Americans, who are geared up to the point of intercom, on their sleighs.

But if British determination and that devil-may-care air—brave survival from the old Regency Bucks—count for anything, then there are some teams who will know they have been in a fight before the winter Olympics thaw out.

In fact, there are many Italians who recall Keith Schellenberg and his huskies and shudder.

BRITAIN FIRST

Last year, on the frozen lake at St Moritz, Schellenberg suggested that they might have a spot of motor racing. The Italians produced their sleek model-of-the-moment jobs.

Schellenberg trundled out his 4½-litre Bentley—vintage 1922—and it was Britain first, the rest a funeral, fuming procession lengths adrift.

One frustrated, enraged Italian immediately ordered a Bentley on the spot.

This is the spirit of the bobsleigh men of Britain, who will

hurl themselves into 80-million-hour action, who have already paced through the Olympic mile run in 1min. 10.7sec.

And if you think that is dawdling, let the point out that the record run is 1min. 10.5sec.

I suggest a good luck toast to these men of Britain who have saved their spare time and spare cash, hoping for a successful production of British sport on ice.

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MCC In Drawn Match Against Combined Universities

Lahore, Pakistan, Jan. 18. The MCC who meet Pakistan in the unofficial First Test here on Friday, drew their three-day game against Combined Universities which ended on the same ground today.

In spite of a gallant eighth wicket stand of 79 between Alan Watkins and Fred Titmus, the MCC conceded first innings lead for the first time on the tour. But it was only by ten runs that they failed to gain the lead.

The tourists were all out for 247 shortly before lunch in reply to the home side's total of 250. Batting a second time, the students declared at 202 for five wickets.

In the 35 minutes left for play the MCC, who had been set the impossible task of getting 212 runs to win, scored 60 for two wickets. Opening batsman Brian Close put some life into the final stage by hitting eleven fours in his 52 not out, including five successive boundaries in the last over of the match.—Reuter.

Unrepentant... But Apologies To Some

By GORDON PIRIE

in an interview

I am unrepentant. I know I upset Fleet Street sports writers with my remarks on TV the other night. I wanted to make a protest and I made it.

I am sorry for one thing. I did not mean to include all sports writers or newspapers in my remarks, and that goes for my good friend Desmond Hackett. I had only three minutes in which to speak so I was unable to qualify what I said as much as I should have liked.

Many sports writers and newspapers have been kind to me. I hope many are still my friends. Indeed my remarks referred to a minority.

The Press claims to have made me famous, but I did not seek fame. I run for the sheer love of it. Any fame I have was pressed upon me and due largely to my own efforts. The Press did not do my running for me.

IGNORANCE

I do not like journalists who have never performed in the sports they write on. They are apt to misreport and misrepresent through ignorance. Even my remarks on TV were not accurately reported in every paper.

For instance I did NOT imply that I was a better candidate for Sportsman of the Year than John Disley or Brian Hewson. Indeed, Disley was the one I voted for and Brian Hewson is a great personal friend of mine.

My attack was against the Fleet Street sports writers who, claiming to represent the public, did not even put me in the top seven. The public's vote showed them up in my opinion.

They're all out of step but Pirie...

Says DESMOND HACKETT

Gordon Pirie, you can't have it both ways. You can't go out and tell TV and radio millions that the Fleet Street writers are wreckers of British sport, and then put up a grudging... Well, not everyone is a villain.

You know you were soured because the Fleet Street sports writers did not include you in their list of Sportsman of the Year. You just don't like second place, and you just hate to be beaten.

On the running track I admired that spirit in you. I have been proud to praise you, happy to write that British sport could well use the "Pirie Spirit."

You set yourself up as a victim of misreporting and misquoting. Well, is this report true?

"A few hours before the two-hour race at Walton-on-Thames in October two men met in a dressing-room. One was 29-year-old railway clerk Joe Lancaster. The other was Gordon Pirie.

"Turning to Lancaster, Pirie said: 'It's no use you entering, you know, your schedule is much too slow—you don't stand a chance.'"

Fact or fiction, Gordon? Anyway, that is the story Joe Lancaster told down at his cottage home in Hollingworth, Cheshire. And as you know, Lancaster beat you by 140 yards to set up a British and world best performance.

There are occasions when silence is extremely golden. That was one. Another one was your ill-timed attack on Fleet Street.

I did not admire your ill-timed outburst. British athletics chiefs agree that Fleet Street has given your sport a bigger boost in the last three years than ever before in its history.

Does that seem cruel, does that appear "immeasurable damage"? Well, on Gordon, admit you were wrong and forget the thought—"They're all out of step but Pirie."

★ How it began

Gordon Pirie accused Fleet Street sports writers of doing "immeasurable harm to British sport" on TV on December 28.

In a speech after being presented with the Sporting Record Sportsman of the Year Trophy Pirie said:—

"A few unkind words will inflict more damage than they (the sports writers) realise. I hope they will be kinder in the future."

He referred to the fact that the Sports Writers' Association had not included Don Cockrell and himself in the top seven sportsmen from whom they chose their Sportsman of the Year (John Disley).

The Daily Express offered Pirie the freedom of its columns to amplify his remarks... here is the result.

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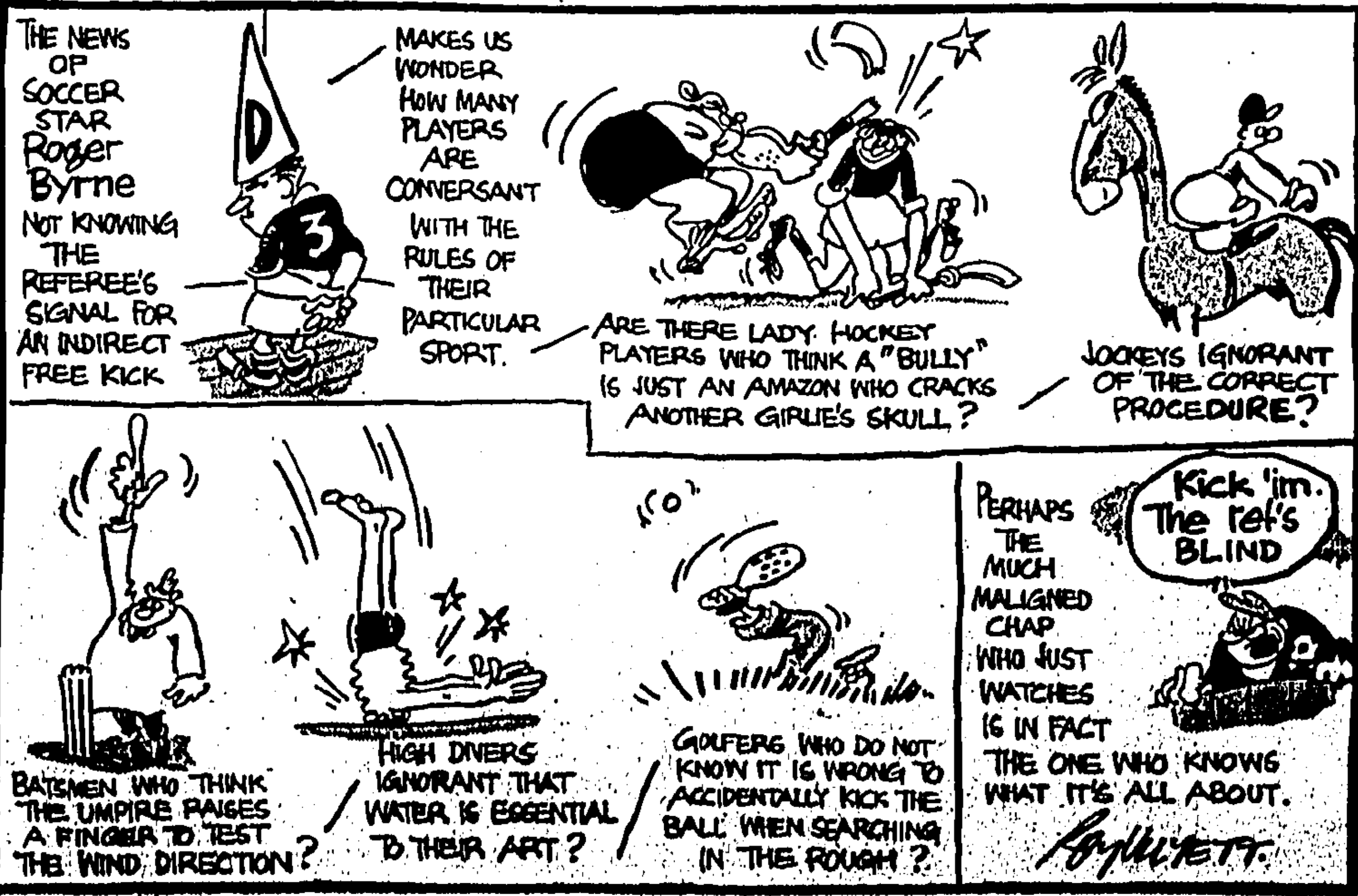
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Chicago Grains
Maintain
Average

Chicago, Jan. 18.
Grains averaged steady on the Board of Trade today with support from activity in export quarters.

Wheat made small gains in spite of selling brought on by reports of additional scattered snowfall over parts of the northwest winter wheat belt last night and forecasts for more moisture during the next 30 hours.

Export sales included a large quantity of barley and a moderate amount of grain sorghum to Western Germany and a large amount of barley to Japan. A small amount of Canadian wheat and barley also were sold to Japan, dealers said.

Brazil is scheduled to be in the market next week for more than 18 million bushels of US wheat and flour, and Argentina has indicated an interest in buying 1,000,000 bushels of US soybeans in the near future.

Wheat closed unchanged to up 1/4 cent.

CLOSING PRICES
Wheat, No. 2, red

Spot	2130
Mar	209 1/2
May	208 1/2
July	207 1/2
Sept	206 1/2
Nov	205 1/2

Corn, No. 2, yellow

Spot	126 1/2
Mar	126 1/2
May	125 1/2
July	124 1/2
Sept	123 1/2
Nov	122 1/2

Rye

Spot	129 1/2
Mar	129 1/2
May	128 1/2
July	127 1/2
Sept	126 1/2
Nov	125 1/2

Oats

Spot	64
Mar	63 1/2
May	63 1/2
July	62 1/2
Sept	61 1/2
Nov	60 1/2

Soybean, No. 2, yellow

Spot	243 1/2
Mar	243 1/2
May	242 1/2
July	241 1/2
Sept	240 1/2
Nov	239 1/2

Barley

Spot	130-140
Mar	130-140
May	130-140
July	130-140
Sept	130-140
Nov	130-140

New York Foreign Exchange

London	1.00
Paris	1.00
Brussels	1.00
Frankfurt	1.00
Milan	1.00
Stockholm	1.00
Zurich	1.00

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Ford Stock Offer

Enlivens

London Market

London, Jan. 18.

Interest in the launching of Ford Motor Co. stock enlivened today's session of the London Exchange, but dealings in the American company's shares tended to follow Wall Street's pattern.

The stock opened at the American equivalent of 871.87, then dipped a bit. While interest in American Ford was high, there was no great rush to buy, and the price eased later in the session. Allocation to the United Kingdom residents were unknown, but the total was believed to be about 150,000 shares out of the 10,000,000-share total.

Over-Subscription

Observers generally agreed that applications for the stock have been sizable enough to

Savings In Australia

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
OFFER POSTWAR CHALLENGE

Sydney, Jan. 18.

The challenge of development opportunities in Australia, especially since the war, has drawn attention to the need for larger savings to finance expanding investment, both in public and in private ventures, according to the Australia and New Zealand Bank Survey.

Australia's high living standards enable her people to save a comparatively high proportion of income, but it remains inadequate to pay for all the projects which the community desires to carry out in the interests of economic progress, social welfare and defence.

WORLD
RUBBER
MARKETS

New York, Jan. 18.

Rubber futures closed today at 50 points lower with sales of 290 contracts.

Several attempts to stage a rally met renewed selling through Wall Street commission houses and hedge offerings.

The spot market ruled quiet with factory and trade interest negligible. Small sales between dealers included January one sheets at 40 1/2 cents and March four sheets at 37 1/2 cents with further sellers.

Shipment offerings were reported above a workable basis.

Futures were

March	40 1/2-41 00
May	37 1/2
July	35 1/2
September	33 1/2
December	32 1/2

SINGAPORE

The market was steady on better New York advices and good demand for lower grades and nearby one sheet.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb Feb	114-114 1/2
Mar	113 1/2-114
May	112 1/2-113
July	111 1/2-112
Sept	110 1/2-111
Nov	109 1/2-110
Dec	108 1/2-109
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Sept	99 1/2-100
Oct	98 1/2-99
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1956.

SHEAFFERS
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Ticket Of Leave—To Trouble

IT is quite possible that not everything in all the fighting Services is quite perfect yet; but none of them can be faulted often these days on the way compassionate leave is handled.

Let a sailor learn, in mid-Atlantic, that something is wrong at home, and he hardly has time to pick a change of clothes before a helicopter is hovering around waiting to take him back.

Let another unfortunate visit a soldier serving in some distant, unpleasant jungle, and a one-man aircraft that may reach across three continents is laid on as if it were no trouble at all.

PART OF THE SERVICE

ROBERT'S homecoming involved nothing elaborate in the way of organization. He was serving in Germany when he heard the news. He went to his commanding officer.

"Where are you staying, Bob?" she asked.

"Don't you worry," he reassured her. "Meg's putting me up."

Meg was Robert's sister-in-law, and she was as efficient as the Army in dealing with such emergencies, finding a bed for Robert in her home at a moment's notice, seeing to it that her own family made the visitor welcome.

Meg lived in one of those ponderous, many-storied buildings—full of flats and huge courtyards—where the Victorian philanthropists put up in Central London.

A good place for a man to be whose wife was ill, for neighbours were generous with sympathy and help. And there were plenty of neighbours, hours being what they are, and Army pay being what it is, Robert soon found himself with too much time on his hands and too little money really to make the most of being at a loose end in London.

A CACHE

BUT he had a keen eye, and he had noticed, in a semi-secret place in the home of his sister-in-law, a kind of cache where two £1 notes seemed to be permanently kept.

They were there, no doubt, for some good reason. But to Robert the two notes seemed to be disgracefully idle.

One day he helped himself to them, with a vague idea of putting others in their place before he left and before their disappearance was noticed.

Meg noticed her loss with amazing speed. She called in

the police. They challenged Robert. Next morning, at Bow Street, he pleaded guilty to the theft.

I WAS JUST SHORT

"I suspected," asked the magistrate, Mr R. H. Blundell, "that this man took anything but the £2?"

"No," the police answered. "I was just short when I took this," Robert said. "I meant to send it back."

"I dare say," said the magistrate. "But it might have made things difficult for your sister-in-law, mightn't it?"

Robert nodded. He was discharged conditionally, and ordered to repay the £2 within the next two weeks.

He left the court and went to any goodbye to his wife, who was so much better for his visit. He would be going back to Germany that night.

His leave was ended, the compassionate leave that had done so much good—and had been spoiled.

"Bandit Queen" May Surrender To Police Again

Allahabad, Jan. 18.

India's young and beautiful "bandit queen" may surrender to the police, it was announced today.

She is expecting a baby. Agile Puli, 24, has led Uttar Pradesh police a merry chase ever since she was kidnapped in 1950 and initiated into the arts of banditry by her abductor, a Dacoit chief, Sultan Gujar.

The police said today that they heard Agile was getting tired of it all. She left her family in 1950 to join a dancing troupe. She was kidnapped when she was returning home and found banditry more to her liking than dancing.

In 1953 Agile felt homesick. She surrendered to the police and promised to be good. But it did not last long.

She vanished again, and reappeared she has been leading another gang, Sultan Gujar was shot to death by the police. Agile is known as a crack shot and an accomplished horsewoman.—United Press.

SUNSPOT ACTIVE

Madras, Jan. 18.

The Kodakkamal meteorological office here announced that a large and active sunspot is now traversing the sun's disc. According to the same source, moderate to severe magnetic and ionospheric disturbances are likely to result between now and January 26.—Reuter.

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HARDING SEEKS NEW INSTRUCTIONS

London, Jan. 18.

Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, Governor of Cyprus, is expected in London tomorrow morning for talks with Premier Sir Anthony Eden and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, it was learned here tonight.

An authoritative source here said Sir John wanted to get fresh instructions to handle the Cyprus question before the British Premier and Foreign Secretary leave on their visit to Washington.

Although official sources in Whitehall said there was no direct connection between Harding's visit and the trip to Washington, informed sources said that Sir Anthony would like to give the American leaders an up-to-date report on the Cyprus question.

The authoritative British source said the situation in Cyprus had reached a delicate point. It added that Harding's visit does not necessarily mean that his talks with Cyprus Greek Orthodox Archbishop Makarios had reached their final stage or would be concluded shortly.

DECISIVE PHASE

The Harding-Makarios talks resumed in strict secrecy last week after a two months break. It was understood that they had entered a decisive phase.

Reports reaching London from Nicosia indicated that the Archbishop was now ready to accept the British proposal for self-government for the island, in place of immediate union with Greece.

According to the British plan, the elected representatives of the Cyprus population would later negotiate with the British Government on the future status of the island. The plan did not specify whether or not the people of Cyprus would eventually be given full rights of self-determination.

It was understood here that the Greek Government was adopting a more flexible attitude to the Cyprus question. Premier Constantinos Karamanlis would like to have a settlement of the issue to his credit before the next Greek general elections.

It was further understood that the Turkish government would be satisfied with a solution guaranteeing the interests of the Turkish minority in Cyprus and maintaining a powerful British military base in the island.—France-Press.

Conference On Tariffs

Geneva, Jan. 19.

About 500 experts from 20 of the world's major trading countries are attending the fourth major international conference to reduce tariffs opening here today.

The conference has been called by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The negotiations, all of which will be held in strict secrecy, are expected to continue until the end of April.

Czechoslovakia is the only Eastern European country attending the conference.

For the first time since GATT was formally established eight years ago, the opening session today is in public, and some delegates may make general policy statements.

The United States is the only country so far to have published a list of more than 1,000 items on which it is prepared to negotiate tariff reductions.—Reuter.

HK Investment Co Share Offer Oversubscribed

The offer of 125,000 \$10 shares in the Hongkong and Far Eastern Investment Co. Ltd. was oversubscribed by more than four times. It was announced today.

The list of applications opened at 10 a.m. today and closed at 4 p.m.

The shares are fully paid ordinary and they constitute 25 per cent of the company's issued capital. They were offered at \$11 each.

General managers and secretaries of Hongkong and Far Eastern Investment Co. are Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd.

Canvas Cover Stolen

A canvas cover, valued at \$20, was stolen from an unattended car parked in the Roney Theatre car park yesterday afternoon. A suspect has been detained in connection with this case.

Future Of The Saar Decisions

Bonn, Jan. 18.

Representatives of the pro-German Saarland parties and the West German Bundestag's (lower house) committee on Saar questions agreed here today that the Saarland must be incorporated into Germany not only politically, but also economically.

This understanding was reached at a meeting of the Saarland and the West German representatives in the Bonn parliament building today, sources close to the meeting said.

The sources said the meeting rejected as out of the question plans to create free trading zones in the Saarland. But there was unanimity that Franco-Saarland economic relations should be fostered as much as possible within the framework of German-French trade relations.

REJECT PROPOSAL

The German parliamentarians rejected a proposal to meet in Bonn with Herr Johannes Hoffmann, former pro-French Premier, or representatives of Hoffmann's party, the Christian Peoples Party which is the second biggest in the new Saarland Landtag and in opposition to the pro-German Saar government.

The proposal was made at the Bonn meeting that the Saar Bundestag parliament should give weight to the demand of the pro-German parties for reincorporation of the territory into Germany by issuing a "Declaration of Principles".—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal: 6.03. Stock Market Report: 6.06. "For the Children" Nursery Sing-Song with Doris Campbell (BBC): 6.25. POP. Weather Report: 7. Time Signal and News: 7.00. Commentaries (London Relay) or Special Announcements: 7.15. Boulevard News: 7.45. Lee Paul and Mary Ford: 8. What's the Form (Recorded): 8.15. Children's Corner: 8.30. Children's Time Signal: 8.35. George Nathaniel Curzon (BBC): 8.40. The story of a British Statesman: 8.45. Report: 8.50. "The Story of a British Statesman" Act 1 (Mozart): 9.00. The Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra: 9.05. Night Stand: 9.30. Gray and his Orchestra: 9.45. News: 10.00. Time Signal: 10.05. Radio News: 10.10. (Recorded London relay): 11.15. Book Review: 11.20. Close Down: 11.30.

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